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Applicant: IKEDA, Akio  
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For: PNEUMATIC TIRE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2"

Please add the following new claims:

--Claim 5. The pneumatic tire according to claim 2, wherein the vent emboss line and vent groove are disposed in a lower sidewall region extending radially inwardly from a position radially inside the maximum tire section width point towards the bead

portion, the lower sidewall region having a substantially straight profile in a tire meridian section.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in the present application. The claims have been amendment to remove the multiple dependent claims and to place the application into better form prior to examination.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Joseph A. Kolasch (Reg. 22,463) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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